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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	Klaus M. Irion
Serial No. 09/488,500	Filing Date: January 20, 2000
Title of Application:	Endoscopic Instrument For Performing Endoscopic Procedures
Confirmation No. 4514	Group Art Unit: 3764
Examiner	Denise M. Pothier

BOX FEE AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Response Transmittal and Petition For Time Extension (37 CFR 1.136[A])

Dear Sir:

- 1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month to respond to the Office Letter mailed on December 4, 2002.
- 2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
- 3. Calculation of extension fee (37 CFR 1.17). \$110.00 Extension Fee is due with this request.

<u>Certificate of Mailing</u>: I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents; Washington, DC 20231.

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Fee Payment. Attached is a check in the sum of \$110.00. This is also a 4. petition and a request to charge to Account No. 19-4516 for any additional extension and/or fee as may be required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

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